

Report of Working Group on Hydrology (WGH)

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WGH 9th Meeting (October 22, 2020) and Parallel Session at the 15th IWS (December 1, 2020)

Participations:

Cambodia; China; Japan; Hong Kong - China; Laos; Malaysia; the Philippines; Republic of Korea; Singapore; Thailand; USA; Viet Nam and TCS

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1. Review of the WGH 9th Meeting

Date & Venue: October 22, 2020 @ WEB meeting

Organizers: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan with logistic support by Infrastructure Development Institute (IDI)

- Originally scheduled in combination with the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto, but due to COVID-19, it was decided to host a video conference (VC) instead of face-to-face meeting.
- 37 participants in total from 10 Members, (China, Japan, Hong Kong – China, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and TCS.
- Chaired by Dr. Tetsuya Ikeda (Japan) with its vice chairs of Dr. Hyo-Seob Cho (ROK) and Dr. Hou Aizhong (China), the WGH was composed of the presentations of the Member reports and the progress of the AOPs.

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2. Implementation status of WGH AOPs 2020

The list of WGH AOPs in 2020 and beyond

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AOP1	Knowledge Sharing on Storm Surge Inundation Mapping	USA	2020-2022
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AOP3	Enhancement of Flood Forecasting Reliability with Radar Rainfall Data and Stochastic Technique	Korea	2018-2022
AOP4	OSUFFIM Phase-II: Extension of OSUFFIM Application in TC Members	China	2018~2022
AOP5	Impact Assessment of Climate Change on Water Resource Variability in TC Members	China	2018-2020
AOP6	Flood Risk Watch Project for Life-saving	Japan	2019-2022
AOP7	Platform on Water Resilience and Disaster under IFI	Japan	2019-2022

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The summary of TCTF Budget Request for 2020 Activities (USD)

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1	Support the activities related to Application of Hydrological Data Quality Control System in TC Members	Korea	4,000
2	Support the activities related to Enhancement of Flood Forecasting Reliability with Radar Rainfall Data and Stochastic Technique	Korea	2,000
3	Support the activities related to OSUFFIM Phase-II: Extension of OSUFFIM Application in TC Members	China	8,000
4	Support the activities related to Impact Assessment of Climate Change on Water Resource Variability in TC Members	China	4,000
5	Support the activities related to Platform on Water Resilience and Disaster under IFI and hosting WGH 9th Working Meeting in Japan	Japan	7,000
	Total		25,000

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3. Implementation plan of WGH AOPs 2021

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7	AOP7: Platform on Water Resilience and Disaster under IFI	Japan	7,000
	Total		30,000

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4. Points of discussion

• Discussion on the Strategic Plan:

- Two Targets and Five KRAs generally reflects the vision and mission of TC, and fully summarizes all aspects of tasks which TC should take care.
- It might not need to make changes.
- The followings may be considered under the part of Priorities for WGs in future:
 - How to conduct WG's activities online under public emergencies, including secure data monitoring, transmission, and warning information dissemination.
 - Application of big-data and AI technology in typhoon-induced water-related disaster risk reduction, including forecasting and early warning;
 - How to optimize dam operation, and issue inundation mapping

• Discussion on the Chairmanship of WGH

- Based on the full discussion and communication, the participants got the following consensus on the Chairmanship of WGH
 - Current structure of WGs' chairmanship is running very well, and it has the most benefit for TC on mobilization of resources, cooperation and support.
 - WGH will maintain the current chair/vice-chair system.
 - Participants agreed to maintain setting one Chairperson and three Vice-chairpersons for WGH.

- It is well noted that **Japan volunteers to host WGH 10th meeting in 2021**



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5. Recommendation to TC

- To appoint Dr. Mamoru Miyamoto (Japan) as Chairperson, and to re-appoint Dr. CHO Hyo Seob (ROK), Dr. HOU Aizhong (China) and Mr. Kenneth Kleeschulte (USA) as Vice-chairpersons in next two years
- To request US\$30,000 from TCTF in total for supporting overall WGH activities for 2021 calendar year.
- To request China to extend the project of Impact Assessment of Climate Change on Water Resource Variability in TC Members to the end of 2022.
- To thank Japan for hosting the video conference for WGH 9th Meeting.
- To request Japan to host WGH 10th Meeting in 2021.
- To request HRFCO to continue maintaining and operating the WGH webpage for effective sharing information among WGH members with support from KICT and TCS.
- To appoint the focal point of WGH, Dr. Hyeongyo JEONG (ROK) as the liaison to PTC and WMO RA II for enhancing hydrological cooperation between TC and other regional bodies.
- To continue focusing on improving the ability to forecast hydrological phenomena and provide measures for the effectiveness of the improvements.



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**Thank you very much
for your attention !**



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